



HEALTH

NIGER FACTSHEET

In Niger, chronic food insecurity and infectious diseases have resulted in some of the highest rates of malnutrition and mortality in the world. More than 47 percent of children under 5 years of age are chronically undernourished, and the rates of acute malnutrition are well beyond the threshold for public health emergencies.

USAID programs focus on developing the capacity of government, civil society, and other important partners to improve family planning, nutrition and to mitigate infectious diseases, including malaria and emerging health threats.

OUR WORK

USAID's programs focus on building the capacity of government, civil society, and various other national partners to improve maternal and child health with a particular emphasis on family planning, nutrition, and infection diseases.

ENHANCING RESILIENCE AND NUTRITION

The second phase of the USAID Resilience in the Sahel Enhanced (RISE-II) project contributes to improving the health, food security, and nutritional status of women and children under 5 years of age with a view to reducing

the vulnerability of populations living in a situation of chronic and recurrent crises. The project also works to integrate family planning into programs that treat malnutrition and to strengthen the overall healthcare system.

MATERNAL HEALTH, CHILD HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING

USAID's goal for maternal and child health (MCH) and family planning (FP) is to increase people's access and use of quality care and services. To this end USAID works with community health workers, care providers, and the Nigerien Ministry of Public Health to improve care quality and the availability of medical supplies. USAID also works with youth and religious leaders to address key barriers to care and share important information with the public. In addition, USAID supports the treatment and prevention of obstetric fistula, a debilitating childbirth injury that can leave women with constant incontinence, shame, ostracization, and chronic health problems. Through its resilience programs, USAID promotes safe spaces for young women where they can learn about nutrition as well as sexual and reproductive health with and from their peers.

MALARIA

Through the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), USAID and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are working to reduce malaria infection and death rates in the country. USAID supports Niger's National Malaria Control Program (NMCP) to implement the national malaria control strategy. This support also includes help to improve the NMCP's diagnostic and treatment capacities. Support is also provided to the National Office of Chemical and Pharmaceutical Products to improve stock management for medicine, rapid diagnostic tests, and bed nets. Other divisions within the Ministry of Public Health receive help to improve disease surveillance, testing, and treatment. To prevent and control the spread of the disease, PMI supports the routine distribution of bed nets, monitors their durability, tracks insecticide resistance, and supports seasonal chemoprevention activities with a focus on children under 5 years old.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

USAID is supporting Nigerien pharmaceutical management systems to improve HIV commodity security (such as drugs and testing supplies) as part of a regional initiative that includes six countries in West and Central Africa. USAID also supports the Ministry of Health to eradicate neglected tropical diseases such as trachoma and lymphatic filariasis and to reinforce its capacity to detect and respond to emergent disease threats.

OUR GOALS

- Increased access to and availability of health and nutrition services
- Increased access to potable water and improved sanitation
- Improved health and nutritional practices
- Increased access to and utilization of maternal health, child health, and family planning services
- Strengthened capacity of health centers
- Strengthened primary health care services
- Reduced malaria infections and deaths
- Strengthened supply chains
- Strengthened health information system
- Improved data quality and use
- Increased capacity to detect and respond to emergent health threats
- Incorporate a youth and gender lens in program design and implementation

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